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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MARR TECH JA
SUBJECT: SSN VISITS--STATUS REPORT OF RECENT EMBASSY EFFORTS

REF: TOKYO 2609 DTG 270930Z FEB 74

SUMMARY: EMBASSY HAS REMAINED IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH FONOFF
AND STA; AND, FOLLOWING FURTHER DISCUSSIONS WITH NAVY REPS,
HAS CONTINUED TO PRESS GOJ TO ESTABLISH BOTH EMERGENCY
PROCEDURES AND INTERIM EVALUATION SYSTEM TO
BE USED BEFORE PERMANENT EVALUATION SYSTEM CAN BE INSTITUTED.
END SUMMARY.

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1. AEC REP HAS CONTINUED SERIES OF CALLS ON STA OFFICIALS,

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PRIMARILY IN ATOMIC ENERGY BUREAU AND INCLUDING ATOMIC
ENERGY BUREAU DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL IHARA, WHOSE COMMENTS
IN DIET WERE SUBJECT OF PRESS TREATMENT REPORTED REFTEL.
IHARA DESCRIBED STA EFFORTS TO FORM NEW INSTITUTE UNDER
SUPERVISION OF STA TO REPLACE JACRI. NEW INSTITUTE TO
BE LOCATED EITHER AT TAKASAKI (LOCATION OF JAERI'S RADIATION
LABORATORY) OR TSUKUBA (NEW UNIVERSITY CITY). IHARA SAID
THAT HE HOPED NEW INSTITUTE COULD BE IN OPERATION BY JULY.
COMMENT: WE CONSIDER IHARA'S ESTIMATE OF JULY DATE TO BE
EXTREMELY OPTIMISTIC, AND WE WOULD NOT LOOK FOR NEW INSTITUTE
TO BE IN OPERATION PRIOR TO FALL. END COMMENT. IHARA
COMMENTED ALSO ON EFFORTS TO COMPLETE ANALYSIS OF
SEA WATER, SEA LIFE, AND SOIL SAMPLES RECENTLY TAKEN FROM
YOKOSUKA, SASEBO, AND WHITE BEACH. IHARA SAID THAT TIMETABLE
OF COMPLETION OF ANALYSIS OF ALL SAMPLES FROM YOKOSUKA, WHICH
IS PORT OF PRIORITY CONCERN, IS APRIL 20. AFTER ALL RESULTS
ARE AVAILABLE, A GROUP OF EXPERTS WILL BE CONVENED TO
EVALUATE THE DATA AND ADVISE STA OF ITS SIGNIFICANCE.

2. ON FEBRUARY 26 EMBOFFS AND NAVY REPS DISCUSSED VARIOUS
OPERATIONAL RAMIFICATIONS OF DE FACTO DENIAL OF JAPANESE
PORTS TO SSN'S. ON BASIS THIS DISCUSSION, ON FEBRUARY 27
POL/MIL COUNSELOR MET WITH CHIEF, SECURITY DEIVISION
YAMASHITA TO PROVIDE HIM FULLER UNDERSTANDING OF PROBLEMS FOR
NAVY SO THAT FONOFF WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TO URGE MORE
RAPID ACTION BY STA. YAMASHITA SEEMED HIGHLY APPRECIATIVE OF
INFORMATION AND PERSPECTIVE PROVIDED. POL/MIL COUNSELOR
POINTED OUT THAT IT OBVIOUS THAT USG COULD NOT BE EXPECTED
TO FORGO USE OF JAPANESE PORTS FOR NPW UNTIL COMPLETE
ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW EVALUATION SYSTEM. YAMASHITA AGREED
AND SAID THAT FONOFF ALREADY HAD BEEN WORKING WITH STA ON
INTERIM MEASURES AND THAT STA HAD DEVELOPED SUPPLEMENTAL
BUDGET REQUEST FOR SUCH MEASURES, WHICH WOULD BE SUBJECT OF
CABINET DECISION FEBRUARY 28. YAMASHITA POINTED OUT THAT ONE
OF DIFFICULT PROBLEMS IN ESTABLISHING INTERIM ARRANGEMENT
LIES IN LOCATING CREDIBLE ANALYTICAL INSTITUTE TO UNDERTAKE
TASK OVER OBJECTIONS ITS TECHNICIANS, WHO USUALLY DO NOT WISH
TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH ROUTINE EVALUATION WORK. AT OTHER
EXTREME, LABOR UNION OF ONE LABORATORY IS MOST ANXIOUS TO
HAVE EVALUATION CONTRACT. THAT LABOR UNION, HOWEVER, IS
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COMMUNIST-CONTROLLED; AND STA BELIEVES THAT ITS PURPOSE IS
TO SABOTAGE NPW VISIT PROGRAM BY MANIPULATION OF DATA.

3. POL/MIL COUNSELOR PRESSED YAMASHITA HARD ON ISSUE OF
EMERGENCY ENTRY, POINTING OUT THAT HUMANITARIAN CONSIDERATIONS
COULD MAKE IT IMPERATIVE AT ANY TIME TO BRING SSN INTO JAPANESE
PORT. POL/MIL COUNSELOR SAID THAT, IN EMBASSY VIEW, GOJ COULD
DEFEND SUCH EMERGENCY VISIT NOW ON BASIS HUMANE CONSIDERATION AND

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IN LIGHT OF FACT THAT MONITORING SYSTEM REMAINS INTACT AND EVALUATION OF MONITORED SAMPLES CAN BE ARRANGED ON AD HOC BASIS. WHILE SYMPATHETIC WITH THAT LINE OF ARGUMENT, YAMASHITA DID NOT RPT NOT COMPLETELY ACCEPT IT AND SAID THAT SPACE ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE WITH LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF PORT INVOLVED IN ORDER TO AVOID ADVERSE REACTION. HE SUGGESTED THAT SASEBO WAS BEST PORT FOR EMERGENCY ENTRY BUT THAT GOJ MUST HAVE ADDITIONAL TIME TO PERSUADE MAYOR TSUJI THAT SUCH VISIT COULD BE CARRIED OTU WITHOUT ADVERSE POLITICAL EFFECTS.

4. ACCORDING TO NEWS ACCOUNT MARCH 1, VICE MINISTERS MEETING ON FEBRUARY 28 AGREED TO REQUEST 106 MILLION YEN FOR INTERIM EVALUATION SYSTEM. VICE MINISTERS RECOMMENDATION WAS TO BE APPROVED AT REGULAR MEETING OF CABINET MARCH 1.
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